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YOSHIHIRO YANAGISAWA	)	Examiner: J. Williams
Application No.: 09/722,705 ✓	)	Group Art Unit: 2879
Filed: November 28, 2000	)	Allowed: April 27, 2004
For: PRODUCTION METHOD OF	)	
IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS,	)	
AND IMAGE-FORMING	)	
APPARATUS PRODUCED BY	)	
THE PRODUCTION METHOD	)	July 8, 2004

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

**Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e):** Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Specifically, the listed document was cited in a Search Report from a counterpart European patent application. A copy of that Search Report is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

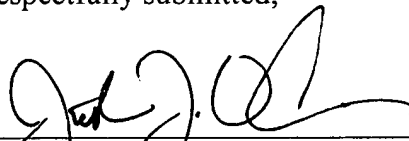
Applicant submits that the listed Japanese language document may be considered relevant inasmuch as it is cited in the Search Report. In addition, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicant has enclosed herewith an English language abstract for that Japanese document, which was obtained from a commercial database.

In accordance with § 1.97(d)(2), the fee of \$180.00, set forth in § 1.17(p), is believed to be due and has been enclosed. Any additional fees should be charged, or overpayment credited, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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LETTER

Sir:

In Information Disclosure Statements filed on January 27, 2004, and February 8, 2001, in the above-identified patent application, Applicant disclosed Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Nos. 9-274847 and 9-138509, respectively.

The Examiner indicated consideration of those documents by returning an initialed copy of each of the Form PTO-1449 accompanying those Information Disclosure Statements.

Recently, Applicant received an Official Letter (copy enclosed) in a counterpart Korean application. The Official Letter cited the above-discussed Japanese patent applications and included the Korean Examiner's comments thereon. For the Examiner's reference, a translation of those comments is provided below. Consequently,

by this Letter, Applicant merely intends to inform the Examiner of the existence and content of the Official Letter. The translation is as follows:

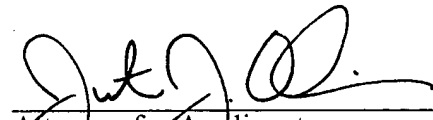
“It is recognized that the present invention defined in Claims 1-14 is directed to an image forming apparatus and a method of producing an image-forming apparatus comprising:

- a step of arranging first electrodes and second electrodes;
- a step of forming column-directional wires,
- a step of forming row-directional wires,
- a step of forming an insulating layer; and
- a step of applying a liquid according to an ink jet method, wherein the step of forming the row-directional wires includes a step of forming a film containing a photosensitive substance and an electroconductive substance and thereafter subjecting it to a radiation for drying.

While, JP 9-274847 issued on October 21, 1997 (hereinafter, referred to as a reference 1) discloses an electron-emitting device and an image forming apparatus comprising steps of forming first and second device electrodes, forming X-Y direction wiring, forming an interlayer insulating layer, forming an electroconductive film between the devices according to an ink jet method forming, and activating. JP 9-138509 issued on May 27, 1997 (hereinafter, referred to as a reference 2) discloses a method of producing a pattern comprising steps of forming a second pattern slightly larger than a first pattern of a desired size, instead of applying, on whole surface of a substrate, a paste layer containing photosensitive resin and a gold powder. The present invention is merely an aggregation of the references 1 and 2 in a manner being obvious to those skilled in the art. And, advantage of the present invention is merely one expected by those skilled in the art. Accordingly, the present invention defined in the claims can be readily deduced by those skilled in the art from the references 1 and 2 (Patent Law Article 29, Paragraph 2).”

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